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DETAILED ACTION

Rule 1.131 Affidavit

The Office has accepted the Applicant's affidavit; however, the Examiner asks that the Applicant provide the date of conception and when the invention was reduced to practice. The affidavit states that the invention was conceived and reduced to practice prior to May 6, 2002, but does not give an exact date. The Examiner asks this to help limit the search for prior art to a specific date before May 6, 2002. This will help eliminate the need to file another rule 1.131 affidavit.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lalita M Hamilton whose telephone number is (703) 306-5715. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday (8:30-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (703) 308-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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